

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic message notification display, comprising:
a representation of information corresponding to a subject field of an electronic message; and
an indicia associated with the electronic message that notifies a recipient of the electronic message that information contained in the subject field comprises a complete message for the recipient.
2. The display of claim 1, wherein the indicia is provided on the display based on a notice field of the electronic message.
3. The display of claim 2, wherein the notice field further comprises at least one bit having a value, based on which the indicia is provided.
4. The display of claim 3, wherein the notice field further comprises a plurality of bits, at least a portion thereof designating a level of urgency associated with the electronic message.
5. The display of claim 1, wherein the indicia is located proximal to the representation of information contained in the subject field.
6. The display of claim 5, wherein the indicia further comprises at least one text and graphics.
7. The display of claim 1, wherein the electronic message corresponds to an unopened electronic message, whereby the recipient can access the complete message without opening the electronic message.

8. An electronic mail (email) system, comprising:
 - a user interface that provides a human-machine interface associated with an email application program; and
 - a notice component associated with the email application program, the notice component being operative to set a notice field of an email message based on an input instruction provided by the user interface, the notice field having a value that indicates if a freely parsable field of the email message contains a complete message for at least one intended recipient.
9. The system of claim 8, wherein the email program provides an indicia associated with a representation of the email message based on the value of the notice field.
10. The system of claim 9, wherein the indicia is located proximal to a representation of the parsable field in the representation of the email message.
11. The system of claim 10, wherein the parsable field comprises a subject field of the email message.
12. The system of claim 8, wherein the notice field further comprises at least one bit.
13. The system of claim 8, wherein the notice field further comprises a plurality of bits, at least a portion of the plurality of bits designating a level of urgency associated with the electronic message.
14. The system of claim 8, wherein the email program operative to initiate transfer of the email message from a sender to at least one recipient based on at least one corresponding recipient address.

15. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

displaying an indicia associated with an email message to notify at least one recipient of the email message that the subject field of the email message contains a complete message intended for at least one intended recipient.

16. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the method further comprises parsing an incoming email message to extract information encoded by a notice field, the displaying of the indicia being performed based on the notice field.

17. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein, prior to the displaying of the indicia, the method further comprises setting a notice field of the email message by a notice function of a sender's email application to a value that indicates whether the subject field of the email message contains the complete message for the at least one intended recipient.

18. The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the setting of the notice field further comprises setting a plurality of bits to a value that designates a level of urgency associated with the email message.

19. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the method further comprises displaying the indicia proximal to a representation of the subject field in a graphical representation of the email message.

20. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the graphical representation of the email message corresponds to an unopened email message.